Export target for 2005-06

165. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to achieve the target of 1.5 per cent share in the global trade, India's exporters have to bring home US$175 billion in the next five years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the exports during 2003-04 stood at US$60 billion; and

(c) what is the export target set for 2005-06 and the percentage of target achieved in 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) India's exports are targeted at US$ 150 billion in 2008-09 so as to reach 1.5% share in the global trade during the next five years.

(b) Exports were valued at US$ 63.84 billion during 2003-04.

(c) An export target of US$ 88 billion has been fixed for 2005-06. Exports were valued at US$ 60.75 billion during April-January, 2004-05 against a target of US$75 billion for the full financial year. Hence, the percentage of target achieved during the first ten months of the current financial year was 81%.

Simplification of rules for exporters

166. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Committee under Mr. Ashok Jha to simplify procedures and rules for exporters;

(b) whether it is a fact that every exporter has to fill up over twenty forms to export anything;

(c) what are the reasons for such procedures;

(d) whether any interim action can be taken to reduce and simplify such forms and procedures; and

(e) the steps proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND